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Saudi Arabia deployed large numbers of security reinforcements as pilgrims performed the final rituals of a Hajj marred by double tragedy, with the death toll from a stampede rising to 769.
The kingdom's leaders have ordered an inquiry into the disaster -- the deadliest to strike the annual Muslim pilgrimage in a quarter-century -- and a "revision" of its organisation, with the deaths raising tensions with regional rival Iran as well.
Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday demanded Saudi Arabia apologise for the stampede.
"Instead of passing the buck and playing a blame game, the Saudis should accept their responsibility and apologise to the world's Muslims and the bereaved families," he said in comments reported by the official IRNA news agency.
Khamenei also said Muslim countries should demand Saudi Arabia be held to account for the deaths. The kingdom presents itself as the guardian of orthodox Islam and custodian of its holiest places in Makkah and Medina.
"Instead of blaming this and that, the Saudis should accept the responsibility and apologise to the Muslims and the victims' families," he was quoted as saying on his website.
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Saudi emergency personnel stand near bodies of pilgrims at the site where more than 700 were killed and hundreds wounded in a stampede in Mina, near the holy city of Makkah, at the annual Hajj in Saudi Arabia on Thursday.
PHOTO: AFP

HISTORY OF TRAGEDY AT MAKKAH

1975	200 killed in fire
1979	153 in gun attack
1987	402 in crackdown on Iranian protesters
1990	1,426 in stampede after failed ventilation
1994	270 in stampede
1997	343 in fire
1998	118 in stampede
2004	251 in stampede
2006	364 in stampede
2015	109 in crane collapse Over 700 in stampede

SOURCE: AFP



An aerial view of the walkway leading to the site of the "Stoning of Satan" in Mina, about five kilometres east of the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia.
PHOTO: AFP

Reunited after 20yrs, 11 Bangladeshis among the dead

parted in minutes

STAR REPORT
This is a story of a Bangladeshi man who had to leave home to secure a better future for his family. He waited for 20 years in Saudi Arabia to be reunited with his wife. And when that moment finally came, he lost her again -- this time, forever.
Muhammad Bilal lost his wife in the stampede in Mina near Makkah on Thursday when some two million people in the last major rite of the Hajj went there to throw stones at pillars representing the Kaaba.
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SAYS HAJJ AGENCY; DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE, INFORMATION MAINLY FROM RELATIVES
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
At least 11 Bangladeshis were killed and 80 others injured in the Hajj stampede in Makkah on Thursday, Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (Haab) said yesterday.
Their identities were not immediately available.
Besides, 98 other Bangladeshis remain missing since the stampede that occurred when two large groups of pilgrims arrived together at a crossroads in Mina, about five kilometers from the holy city of Makkah.
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GOVT HOSPITALS DURING EID

Patients suffer as docs, nurses on holidays

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and AKRAM HOSEN
With most doctors and nurses having gone on leave, patients at the government-run hospitals suffered more than usual during the Eid holidays.
Visiting five major hospitals in the capital, The Daily Star correspondents collected first-hand accounts of patients' sufferings between Thursday and Saturday.
The emergency sections of the hospitals had to deal with an additional pressure of patients as outdoor services remained closed on Thursday and Friday.
However, X-ray facilities at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital's emergency section were unavailable. This forced critically injured patients to travel to the other end of the country's biggest hospital to find alternatives.
Tanvir, 25, came to the DMCH around 9:00pm on Friday, the Eid day, with a broken leg after a motorcycle crash.
"I had to be taken on a trolley with excruciating pain in my leg to the X-ray room. It's 1:00am now and I am still waiting in the queue for my turn," Tanvir told The Daily Star.
In defence, Assistant Director Khaza Abdul Gafur of the hospital said the X-ray machine of the emergency section had broken down.
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Doctor with a difference

SHAHEEN MOLLAH
About 10 patients were still in the queue, each screaming for emergency care as the clock struck 12:30am on Saturday at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.
The on-duty emergency medical officers could hardly breathe as most of the patients were accident victims. One of them, stabbed by a mugger, was profusely bleeding, while a woman was moaning from pain in the abdomen.
The physician who took responsibilities of treating all these patients was Dr Firoz Ahmed, 50. He was doing his shift since 9:00pm on Friday, late hours of the eid day.
He also worked for the night shift starting from 9:00pm on Wednesday and worked until 8:00am on Thursday, the day before eid.
He was the physician who treated
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PM pledges to do more for gender equality

BSS, New York
Expressing her government's strong political will to move forward with gender equality and women's empowerment, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Bangladesh was pledge-bound to continue to work for socioeconomic and political empowerment of women.
"Bangladesh would create more opportunities for women and ensure their access to politics, business and government," she said at a high-level meeting of global leaders on gender equality at the UN headquarters.
The PM urged the world leaders to take a vow to achieve gender parity in all aspects and make the world a better place for women and girls.
The meeting on "Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: A Commitment to Action" was jointly organised by UN Women and the Bangladesh Women's Union.
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives "ICT Sustainable Development Award" from ITU Secretary-General Houlin Zhao at the UN Headquarters on Saturday.
PHOTO: PID

SUSTAINABLE DEV

World adopts 15-year new global plan

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
A bold new global agenda to end poverty by 2030 and pursue a sustainable future has been unanimously adopted by the 193 member states of the United Nations.
The ambitious 15-year plan was approved on Friday at the three-day summit on sustainable development, which concluded yesterday.
The plan aims to tackle the world's biggest problems -- from eradicating poverty to preserving the planet.
Experts, however, say the plan is ambitious.
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PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Hasan, 9, is kept waiting for surgery near the operation theatre of National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation around 2:15pm Saturday. Left, Prottyasha Rani Das suffering urine infection lies on the floor at National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD) around 2:30pm the same day. A patient from Sherpur, the woman came to the hospital after failing to get proper treatment in two other institutions over the previous three days.

Australia delay tour

CA security chief holds talks with local security agencies

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh's cricketing fraternity held its breath as Cricket Australia's (CA) head of security Sean Carroll arrived in the country yesterday morning to review the security situation with regards to the two-match Test series due to begin next month.
After landing at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Carroll's first stop was at the Australian High Commission.
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NOTICE
Business pages will not come out today for unavoidable reasons. We will be back in business tomorrow.

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